



MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Pilot statement by James Ready, on the events on 3/22/22 with N220JD

The pilot was interviewed by telephone and followed up with a written statement via email as follows:

The critical sequence that led to the accident occurred immediately after some full throttle EGT testing done on the apron to ensure proper air/fuel mixture. Anticipating the need for several adjustments to be made, I only latched the canopy enough to keep it in place while running the engine WOT on the ground. To my amazement, no further adjustments were needed and in my excitement to get back in the air I readied for flight without doing a comprehensive pre-taxi checklist. Had I done so, the canopy would have been properly latched and locked. There were no mechanical failures of any other kind, the airplane otherwise flew fine.